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Title : STRUCTURE FOR MOUNTING A LIQUID CRYSTAL
MODULE, AND PORTABLE DATA TERMINAL OR
INFORMATION PROCESSING EQUIPMENT USING
THIS STRUCTURE

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Also, attached is a copy of the Japanese Office Action dated December 21, 1999. As the cited references are in the Japanese language, attached thereto is a translation of the Japanese Examiner's comments, to meet with 37CFR 1.98(a)(3) requirements.

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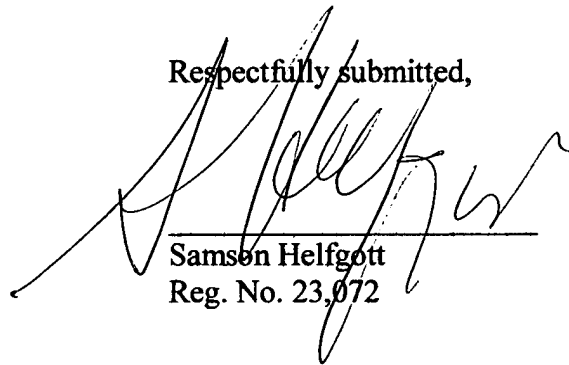
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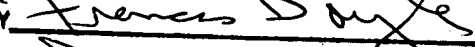
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- Claim: 1
- Cited reference, etc.: 1
- Remarks

Cited reference 1 describes the point that a pullout part is provided that pulls out in the direction parallel to the display surface on the upper and lower edges of the liquid crystal module, through-hole 10 that goes through the pullout part in the thickness direction is formed, and the connection part is connected through the through-hole to the baseplate and the frame.

Also to apply the liquid crystal module attachment structure of the invention described in cited

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reference 1 to a liquid crystal module built into a cover that covers the main unit of a computer, which was known prior to filing of this application, is not deemed to be anything special.

- Claim: 2
- Cited reference, etc.: 1
- Remarks

To provide a reinforcement member on the edge of the liquid crystal module and to provide a through-hole in said reinforcement part is nothing more than technology that was known prior to the filing of this application (see, for example, publication of unexamined patent S54-151054 [1979], publication of unexamined patent H7-261189 [1995]).

- Claims: 3-5
- Cited reference, etc.: 1
- Remarks

The point that the upper and lower edges of the liquid crystal module are held fast between the baseplate and the outer frame, the point that protrusion part 6, which goes through the through-hole in the baseplate, is provided and joining parts 13 and 14, which joint with the protrusion part on the outer frame, are provided, and the point that it has screw members on the connection part, are all described in cited reference 1.

- Claim: 6
- Cited reference, etc.: 1
- Remarks

To apply the liquid crystal module attachment structure of the invention described in cited reference 1 to a liquid crystal module built into a cover that covers the main unit of a computer, which was known prior to filing of this application, is not deemed to be anything special.

Table of cited references, etc.

1. Microfilm of utility model application S53-158548 [1978] (unexamined utility model application S55-73070 [1980])

Record of results of search of prior technical literature

- Field searched: IPC version 6
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- Prior technical literature

Unexamined utility model S62-137468 [1987]

Unexamined patent application H9-258177 [1997]

Registered utility model No. 3001011

Unexamined utility model application H1-94983 [1989]

Unexamined patent application H8-234678 [1996]

The record of the results of this search of the prior technical literature does not constitute grounds for rejection.